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ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Enclosed are:

- (X) 11 sheet(s) of drawing.
- (X) This application is a CONTINUATION of prior Application No. 09/441,736, filed November 17, 1999; which is a continuation of Application No. 09/102,131, now U.S. Patent No. 6,036,642, filed June 22, 1998; which is a continuation of Application No. 08/479,918, now U.S. Patent No. 5,769,785, filed June 7, 1995, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/249,690, now U.S. Patent No. 5,482,036, filed May 26, 1994, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/666,060, filed March 7, 1991, now abandoned.
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- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
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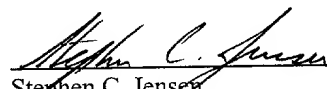
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